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Unrest in Syria and Iran strain on Yerevan's delicate balancing act



Renewed unrest in Syria and Iran has once again caused hardship and material damage in Armenian-populated neighborhoods. In Syria, clashes in Aleppo and Damascus have affected Armenian civilians, while in Iran, disturbances in Tehran, Isfahan, and Tabriz have resulted in property damage and civilian casualties, including among Armenians.

Despite the instability, Armenian churches, schools, and cultural institutions in both countries have largely remained open. Nevertheless, the renewed violence underscores the persistent insecurity facing Armenian communities in the region.

Armenians in Syria and Iran have long been integral parts of their societies, maintaining strong cultural institutions and contributing as professionals, artisans, and business owners. They have traditionally enjoyed a reputation as diligent and trustworthy members of the broader population.

Armenians in Syria

Today, approximately 25,000 –30,000 Armenians remain in Syria, the majority living in Aleppo. Prior to the outbreak of the Syrian civil war in 2011, Syria's Armenian population was estimated at around 100,000, with Aleppo serving as its cultural and demographic center.

Since the beginning of the conflict, more than 25,000 Syrian Armenians have relocated to Armenia, bringing with them elements of Middle Eastern culture, including distinctive Armenian culinary traditions. Others have emigrated to countries such as Canada and Germany, significantly reducing the size of the community inside Syria.

Armenians in Iran

Similarly, the Armenian population in Iran reached its peak prior to the 1979 Islamic Revolution, with estimates ranging between 250,000 and 300,000. Decades of emigration have since reduced this number substantially. Current estimates vary widely, generally ranging from 70,000 to 150,000, with some sources suggesting even lower figures.

Despite the decline, Armenians remain Iran's

largest Christian community and one of its most prominent religious minorities, concentrated primarily in Tehran, Isfahan (New Julfa), and Tabriz.

Regional and International Implications

According to recent reports, the U.S. State Department has urged American citizens to leave Iran immediately, advising land routes through Armenia or Turkey. The advisory warns that possession of a U.S. passport may be grounds for detention by Iranian authorities and cautions that further internet disruptions should be expected, urging U.S. nationals to establish alternative means of communication.

For Armenia, instability in Iran carries significant consequences. It threatens economic ties, risks communication blackouts with Iran's Armenian community, raises border security concerns, and complicates Armenia's diplomatic position. Regional turbulence places additional strain on Yerevan's delicate balancing act among neighboring powers, particularly as Iran views certain regional developments with heightened sensitivity.

Headline News



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Naghash Ensemble of Armenia Makes New Jersey Debut in Tenafly



Tenafly, NJ — January 10, 2026 — The Greater New York Tekeyan Cultural Association presented the Naghash Ensemble of Armenia in concert on Saturday evening, January 10, 2026, at the Presbyterian Church of Tenafly. The live performance, held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., marked the ensemble's debut appearance in New Jersey and drew an audience of more than 350 attendees.

Audience members were transported by the ensemble's evocative soundscape, rooted in Armenia's ancient spiritual and musical

traditions. Featuring three mesmerizing female vocalists and some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists, the performance left a lasting impression.

"We enjoyed the sounds of ancient Armenia, were mesmerized by the three female vocalists, and blown away by some of Armenia's finest instrumentalists," said Vartan Abdo, Director of ARHNJ.

The program centered on Songs of Exile, composed by Armenian-American composer John Hodian and inspired by sacred texts written by the medieval Armenian mystic poet and priest Mkrtych Naghash. The work is a profound meditation on humanity's relationship with God, viewed through the eyes of a monk forced to live in exile for many years. Blending elements of folk and classical music, Songs of Exile is both spiritually resonant and deeply moving.

"It was our pleasure and honor to host and organize this exceptional



evening, marking the Naghash Ensemble's debut performance in New Jersey," said Hilda Hartounian, Chairlady of the Greater New York Tekeyan Cultural Association. "With an audience of over 350 attendees, the concert beautifully showcased the ensemble's powerful interpretation of Armenian spiritual and traditional music. The enthusiastic response affirmed the importance of presenting high-quality Armenian cultural programming, and we are grateful to the Naghash Ensemble for sharing their artistry with our community and making this landmark event such a success."

New Jersey governor inaugural celebration at American Dream entertainment complex on Jan 20



The inaugural ball for Gov.-elect Mikie Sherrill will be held January 20 at the American Dream entertainment complex in East Rutherford. The event will take place at The Rink @ The Arena, the facility's ice rink.

About 2,000 attendees are expected at the \$350 -per-person event. The money will go to Sherrill's initiative Mission to Deliver NJ, which provides affordable services to vulnerable people.

Worldwide Week of Prayer to Focus on Armenian Church (Jan. 29, NYC)



Every year, the worldwide Christian ecumenical community holds "A Week of Prayer for Christian Unity." January 2026 will mark the 58th Week of Prayer, which will go forward January 18-25, 2026, under the Biblical theme "*One Body, One Spirit, One Hope.*"

For 2026, the Week of Prayer will have a special focus on the Armenian Church. Services will reflect the spirituality of the Armenian

Christian tradition, incorporating prayers and hymns by St. Nersess Shnorhali and St. Gregory of Narek. Liturgical resources developed by the World Council of Churches with a committee of Armenian clergy and liturgical scholars are being utilized by churches across the globe during the Week of Prayer.

In New York City, the event will **c u l m i n a t e** in an ecumenical prayer service at the beautiful Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral (337 East 74th Street, in Manhattan). Archbishop Elpidophorus of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese will host church leaders on the evening of **Thursday, January 29**, at 6:30 p.m.

Diocesan Primate Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan along with many Armenian clergy will be part of the occasion, as our sister churches pray for the wellbeing of the Armenian Church and nation, and for Christian unity, using the words and music of the Armenian tradition.

Join in this special evening of solidarity and hope, and be part of a wonderful expression of our common mission in Christ.

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Tour of all major biblical sites -
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Mt. Carmel, Dead Sea, Massada**
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Poetry presented by Mrs. Zarmine Boghosian

Մեր Գրական Աշխարհի Ծաղկաստանէն
♥♥♥ *Through the Orchards of the Armenian Language & Poetry* ♥♥♥ Jan. 17-18-2026
Presented by: Zarmine Boghosian

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Անմահութիւնը ապրողներու յիշողութեան մէջ մնալն է...



ԱՅՆ Ո՛Վ Է ԱՍՈՒՄ

Սիլվա Կապուտիկեան
Ծնած է Յնվ, 20, 1919-Օգոս. 25, 2006

Այն ո՛վ է առում

Որ Արարատը ձերն է ու ձերը,
Անհետեթ պատրա՛նք,
Քարտէզն է ձերը,
Քարտէզի վրայ չափած-գծա՛ծը,
Իսկ ինքը՝ լե՛ռը...

Մոխի՛րն է ձերը,

Մարը բաղադրող կոշկոռը քարէ,
Մեզ համար գործող հրաբուխ է նա,
Խառնարա՛ն ոգու,
Որ դար ու դարեր
Մեր ընդվզումի կրակն է ժայթքում
Եւ բորբոքում մեր ցառու՛ մը կենաց:

Մերը՛ հոգի՛ն է.

Մերնդ է-սերունդ անշէջ թեւածնող,
Վերջին շնչում իսկ՝ հազար կերպ առած նորի՛ գ
պոռթկացող,
Որ չես սպանի գէնքով ու դիրքով,
Չէ՛ս խլի երբէք գիր ու կնիքով
Եւ սահմանների փշալարերով

երբէք չէ՛ս բանտի

Մերը՛ հոգի՛ն է...



ՎԱՐԴԳԷՍ ՊԵՏՐՈՍԵԱՆԻ

«ՀԱՅՎԱԿԱՆ ԷՍԶԻԶՆԵՐ»-էն հատուած մը
Օգոս. 9, 1932-Ապրիլ 15, 1994

- Ամերիկա՛ էք մեկնում:
- Ո՛չ, Թուրքիա:
- Շրջելու՛ էք գնում, թէ՛ ազգականներ ունէք:
- Մշտապէս:
- Մշտապէ՛ս...
- Այո, կը բաւէ, 2 տարի ապրեցինք ձեր երկրում,
կշտացանք...

Կշտացա՛նք: Մարդը ինձ էր նայում
հանգիստ ու չար: **Կշտացանք:** Այսինքն՝ կշտացանք
Երեւանից, Մասիսից, Ծիծեռնակաբերդից, որտեղ
յուշարձան են

սարքում 2 միլիոն զոհերի համար: Կշտացանք.
կարծես թէ հայրենիքը խորոված է, գարեջուր կամ երգ,
որ լսում ես հազար անգամ:

Ես պատկերացրի, որ 1-2 շաբաթ յետոյ այդ
մարդը Ստամպուլի որեւէ հայկական եկեղեցում
կիսախուփ աչքերով կը նայի խաչուած Քրիստոսին ու
կը մրմնջայ Կոմիտասի երգը եւ Կոմիտասը յանկարծ
կը լսի ու նորից կը խելագարուի: **Նորից...Արդէն
քանիերորդ անգամ...»**



ԵԹԷ *** Թաղէու Եսայեան

Եթէ իբրեւ կարեւոր անձ՝
Իշխաններու հիւր ես եղած,
Սակայն բնաւ տանտէրի պէս
Հայրենիքի գիւղ չես եկած
Ու չես կիսուած պապիկի հետ
Մամիկներու հացը լաւա՛շ՝
Ըսեմ քեզի որ իմանաս
Բերանդ դեռ համ չէ տեսած...

Եթէ օտար լեզուներու
Ըլլաս բանգետ ու դասատու,
Գովաբանես Չէխով, Քիպիլինկ
Երգես անոնց տաղը գողտրիկ,
Բայց չի գիտնաս տող մը նոյնիսկ
Ոչ Նարեկէն, ոչ Շիրազէն,

Ըսեմ քեզի որ այն ատեն՝
Դուն աչքիս ՉԷՐՕ մըն ես...
Այս ալ ըսեմ տօյարճիին
Որ կը շրջի աշխարհն ամէն,
Սակայն չի գար **ԵՌԱՐԼՈՒՐ**
Որ ծունկի գայ ու աղօթէ

Հոգւոյն համար հերոսներուն
Այդ անշնորհք հայորդիին

Թքած ունիմ իր երեսին:



ՄԵԾ ՄԱՅՐԻԿԸ- Վարդերես Գարակէօզեան

Աղջիկ էր, դեռ գոց կոկոն
Հայրիկը առին-տարին,
Մօրը հետ նստաւ յացաւ.

Հարս եղաւ՝ ջահել հարսնուկ՝
Երիկը առին-տարին,
Չաւկին հետ նստաւ յացաւ
Նեցուկն էր իր որբուկին՝
Չաւակն ալ առին-տարին,
Հարսին հետ նստաւ յացաւ.

Հիմա, տես՝ ո՛չ ահ ու վախ
Ո՛չ ջարդ կայ ո՛չ պատերազմ
Բայց թո՞նք ալ առին-տարին
Ի՛նչ գործ էր – նստաւ, յացաւ:



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Delal Dink to Deliver Memorial Lecture At Harvard University



The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, and the Friends of Hrant Dink, Inc. Boston, are proud to announce the speaker of the 2026 Annual Hrant Dink Memorial Lecture, Delal Dink. The lecture will take place on January 27th.

The daughter of the late Turkish-Armenian intellectual, journalist and humanist, Hrant Dink, who was

assassinated on January 19, 2007, Delal Dink will be the speaker of this important annual event. In the past lecturers of this event have featured internationally recognized human rights scholars and advocates, who have been inspired by Hrant Dink's values and his contributions to the mutual understanding of communities and nations in conflict.

Delal Dink, a graduate of Purdue University, has been the imaginative spirit behind the Hrant Dink Foundation in Istanbul and its Director since its founding following Hrant Dink's death.

In her lecture titled "The Future as Memorial: Commemorating Hrant Dink," Delal Dink will reflect on the work of the Hrant Dink Foundation and its efforts to rethink commemoration not as a static act of remembrance, but as an ongoing

invitation to an alternative future. "The Foundation approaches its work as 'remembrance in action' – a living practice refusing to merely mourn loss, but actively build the world Hrant Dink envisioned," reflected Delal Dink.

"This annual event has been a significant part of our activities," stated Harry Parsekian, founder and President of Friends of Hrant Dink, "and we are grateful to Delal Dink for accepting our invitation to be the speaker on this, the 19th anniversary of Hrant's assassination."

The 2026 Hrant Dink Memorial Lecture will take place on Tuesday, January 27, at 1730 Cambridge Street, Cambridge, in the Tsai Auditorium Harvard University, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and is open to the public.

Azerbaijan returns four Armenian captives



Azerbaijan has released four Armenian captives, who have been transported to Armenia on January 14.

Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan announced the news on social media on Wednesday.

"Gevorg Sujyan, Davit Davtyan, Viken Euljekjian and Vagif Khachatryan

were just handed over via the Hakari Bridge by the relevant authorities of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the corresponding authorities of the Republic of Armenia and are now on Armenian territory. I will provide additional information later." Read the announcement.

Armenia’s sovereignty and jurisdiction over border and customs operations are absolute and non-negotiable no outsourcing of sovereign functions



Armenia and the U.S. stipulated in the TRIPP Implementation Framework (TIF) that Armenia’s sovereignty and jurisdiction over border and customs operations are absolute and non-negotiable.

All border and customs activities are expected to operate according to internationally recognized standards for border management while upholding the principles of the August 8th declaration using a front office-back office operating model.

Armenia intends to further develop and implement modern Integrated Border Management (IBM) practices, which may be supported by U.S. technical assistance, including: Risk-based inspection and clearance procedures, Advanced screening technologies, Digital customs and border systems, Coordinated inter-agency processes, Professional capacity building for Armenian officers.

Pilot Projects

Armenia intends to conduct pilot projects to optimize:

Customs pre-clearance procedures

Digitized documentation and processing

One-stop border post concepts

Technology-enabled risk assessment

Coordinated border management with neighboring countries

“Front Office – Back Office” Operating Model

To enhance efficiency while maintaining Armenia’s sovereignty and jurisdiction, TRIPP is expected to employ a “front office – back office” model, using digital tools to facilitate unimpeded connectivity.

Front Office (Third-Party Operators)

It is intended that private operators contracted by the TRIPP Development Company will provide customer-facing services:

Initial document collection for verification

Information and guidance to users

Fee collection and payment processing on trade and transit. Taxes, customs duties, and other mandatory fees of the Republic of Armenia shall be remitted directly to the state budget of the Republic of Armenia in accordance with the applicable legislation and fiscal procedures

Facilitation and coordination

Administrative support

Back Office (Armenian State Authorities)

Armenian customs and border officials exercise all sovereign authority – in line with Armenian domestic law and international agreements.

Final customs decisions and clearances

Security screening and enforcement

Immigration control

Law enforcement actions

Permits and authorizations

Inspection and examination

Clear Lines of Authority

Front office operators facilitate; they do not decide

Armenian officials maintain a physical presence in all Armenian border and customs facilities

No outsourcing of sovereign functions

PM Pashinyan reviews activities of new supercomputer center at Yerevan State University



APM Pashinyan reviews activities of new supercomputer center at Yerevan State University. Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan visited Yerevan State University and familiarized himself with the activities of the newly established supercomputer center.

Pashinyan was accompanied by Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly Hakob Arshakyan, Minister of Defense Suren Papikyan, Minister of Education, Science, Culture and



Sports Zhanna Andreasyan, and Minister of High-Tech Industry Mkhitar Hayrapetyan.

YSU Rector Hovhannes Hovhannisyan presented the work carried out toward the establishment of the center.

In 2024, 3.4 billion drams were allocated to create a supercomputer center at Yerevan State University as part of a capital program aimed at modernizing scientific infrastructure. A supercomputer equipped with 64

NVIDIA H100 computing cards was also acquired. To ensure its full operation and more effective use, an additional 1.17 billion drams were allocated in 2025 to enhance the competitiveness of the data processing center.

After almost two years of preparatory and organizational work, the installation and testing (“stress testing”) procedure of the supercomputer has been completed.

It was noted that, within the framework of the Armenian government’s large-scale reforms in the field of science, state funding for the sector has increased by about threefold since 2018.

The Prime Minister was also briefed on the renovation of the lobby of the Sarkis and Marie Izmirlian Library at Yerevan State University.

Armenian National Academic Choir renamed in honor of Maestro Hovhannes Tchekidjian



The Armenian government approved renaming the Armenian National Academic Choir after its artistic director and principal conductor, renowned composer Hovhannes Tchekidjian.

It will henceforth be known as the Hovhannes Tchekidjian Armenian National Academic Choir.

The bill, authored by the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture, and Sport, was approved at the Cabinet meeting to honor the celebrated career of Tchekidjian.

The Armenian National Academic Choir was founded in 1937. Since 1961, Maestro Hovhannes Tchekidjian has served as the artistic director and principal conductor of the choir. The group has represented Armenian musical culture to the highest critical

acclaim around the world. During Tchekidjian’s tenure, the choir was awarded the titles of “Academic” (1969) and “Honored Performers” (1975). In 2012, the Armenian government bestowed the status of “National” on the choir.

Under Tchekidjian’s leadership, the choir has performed on 184 of the world’s top concert stages, including in Paris, London, New York, Moscow, Saint Petersburg, and others. Over the years, the choir has held 866 concerts outside of Armenia.

Armenian Embassy marks Christmas and U.S. 250th anniversary at Washington National Cathedral



On January 9, the Embassy of Armenia to the United States organized a formal reception at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., in celebration of the Armenian Christmas and the 250th Anniversary of the United States.

Remarks were delivered by Ambassador of the Republic of Armenia to the United States Narek Mkrtychyan, Pastor Paula White-Cain, Special Government Employee and Senior Advisor of the White House Faith Office, Archbishop Hovnan Derderian, Primate of the Western Diocese of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the United States; Bishop Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate of the Eastern Diocese; and Pastor Chris Halverson, pioneer of the National Prayer Breakfast movement in the United States.

During the event, Ambassador Narek Mkrtychyan read the message of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Armenia, Nikol Pashinyan, addressed to the attendees.

The reception was attended by high-ranking U.S. government officials, representatives of various religious institutions, ambassadors, Honorary Consuls of the Republic of Armenia, and members of the Armenian community in the U.S.

In his remarks, the Ambassador extended Christmas greetings, emphasized the role of Christian

values in Armenia–U.S. relations, highlighted the leadership of the United States in promoting religious freedom, expressed gratitude to the Washington National Cathedral for hosting the reception, and wished the United States continued achievements on the occasion of its 250th Anniversary.

In her remarks, Paula White-Cain thanked the Ambassador for organizing the Christmas reception, underscored Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan's dedication to the Armenian people, and noted that Armenia, as the first Christian nation of the world, has endured many trials throughout history while preserving its spiritual heritage and becoming a witness of faith to the world. White-Cain emphasized that the United States stands with the Armenian people in the spirit of faith, partnership, and shared goals.

Pastor Chris Halverson, in his remarks, particularly highlighted the importance of the initiative of the Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan to organize the Prayer Breakfast in Armenia, noting that it reflects the commitment of the country to the values of faith, unity, and leadership.

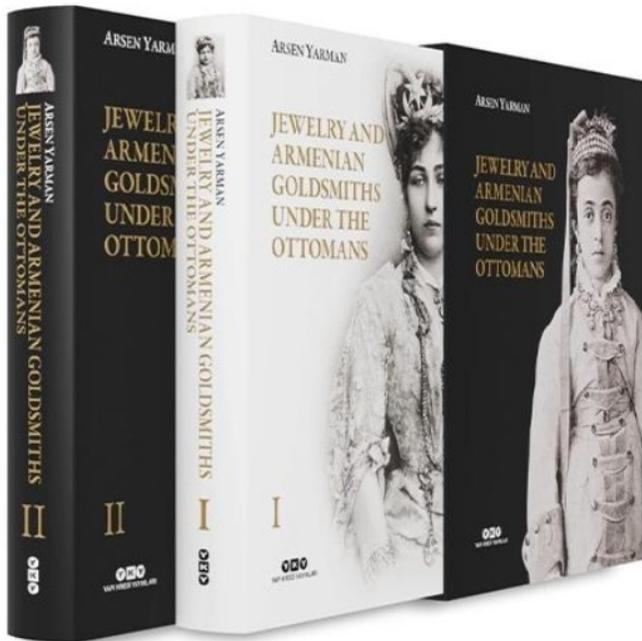


The participating spiritual leaders congratulated those present on the Glorious Feast of Christmas and offered prayers.

The cultural program featured performances by Nare Arghamanyan, pianist and professor at the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna; soloist Edita Dolunts-Kalayjian and organist Armine Khachatryan. The works of Armenian artist Armen Kankanian were also exhibited during the event.

The event concluded with the Lord's Prayer, performed by the students of the Sunday School of St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church in Washington D.C.

Jewelry and Armenian Goldsmiths under the Ottomans



working in Istanbul's Grand Bazaar—developed a distinctive style that masterfully blended Byzantine, Ottoman, and Armenian artistic traditions. Despite historical upheavals, their work preserved cultural identity through symbolic motifs, refined techniques, and an unbroken tradition passed down through generations. This book uncovers their hidden stories and restores their rightful place in jewelry history.

Key Features

- Nearly **2,000 named jewelers**, with documented works, seals, and signatures (from **1700 onwards**)
- Over **750 archival documents** revealing historical techniques and workshop practices
- A remarkable collection of **1,200 images**, photographs, and reference tables
- **300 detailed technical drawings** of exceptional jewelry pieces
- Extensive **39-page index** for scholarly and professional reference
- **Large-format volume:** 24 × 33 cm
Total weight (including packaging): 7.8 kg
Essential Reference For
 - Jewelers & Jewelry Designers
 - Jewelry Enthusiasts & Diamond



By Arsen Yarman
Price: £500 (GBP)

Jewelry and Armenian Goldsmiths under the Ottomans by **Arsen Yarman** is an unparalleled reference work and a cornerstone publication for anyone serious about the history and artistry of jewelry.

This monumental volume documents the extraordinary contribution of **Armenian goldsmiths to Ottoman jewelry**, revealing centuries of craftsmanship that shaped the visual language of gold, silver, and gemstone work across the empire. Drawing on extensive archival research and visual documentation, the book brings to light the makers, techniques, workshops, and masterpieces that defined Ottoman jewelry from the 18th century onward. Armenian jewelers—particularly those

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St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral

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New York, NY 10016
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- ◆ [January 31, 2026 - Unique Fashion Show Event](#)
- ◆ [February 14, 2026 - St. Leon Church Paregentan Celebarion](#)
- ◆ [March 20, 2026 - Save the date - St. Vartan Cathedral Cultural Committee concert](#)
- ◆ [April 11, 2026 - Armenian Relief Society anniversary gala dinner](#)
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14:30–14:40 Digital Experience

14:40–15:00 Runway — Spanish Designer

15:05–15:25 Runway — Viktoria Trading USA

15:25–15:50 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering

16:20–16:40 Metropolitan Opera — Piano Performance

16:40–17:00 Networking

SLOT 2 — ART & AWARDS

17:00 Welcome Drink for VIP Guests

17:00–17:10 Digital Experience

17:10–17:30 Runway — Kyrgyzstan Brand

17:35–17:55 Runway — US Brand

18:00–19:00 ART ESTATE Awards Ceremony

19:00–19:20 Metropolitan Opera — Prima & Harp Performance

19:20–20:00 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering, Networking

SLOT 3 — FINAL

20:00 Welcome Drink for VIP Guests

20:00–20:10 Digital Experience

20:10–20:40 Runway — Brand AH

20:45–21:15 Runway — Headliner France

21:15–22:20 Showroom, Art Exhibition, Bar & Catering, Final Networking

22:20–23:00 Metropolitan Opera — Prima Performance, Grand Finale & Official Event Closing



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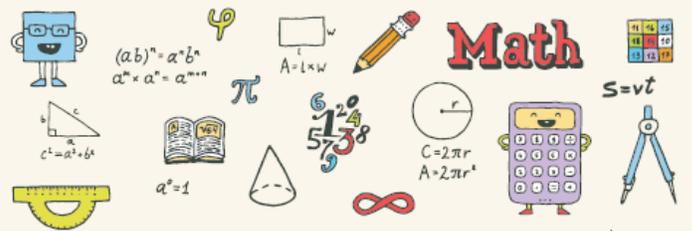
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